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SUBJECT: RE-ENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE, COSMOS 954

REF:STATE 015715

1. WE GAVE MFA POL DIRECTOR RUTTEN INFORMATION PROVIDED
IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT REPLY
RUTTEN SAID DUTCH STILL WERE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED AT
LACK OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH PREFERABLY SHOULD
COME FROM SOVIETS. EVEN RECOGNIZING THAT CHANCE OF
FRAGMENTS COMING DOWN HERE WAS INFINITESIMAL AND RISKS

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IN SITUATION SHOULD NOT BE DRAMATIZED FACT REMAINED
THAT CONCERN FOR PEOPLE WAS JUSTIFIED IN LIGHT OF
POTENTIAL SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARD. WHAT WORRIED DUTCH
WAS WHAT PUBLIC REACTION WOULD BE IN EVENT OF INJURY
OR DEATH AS CONSEQUENCE OF BREAK-UP OF SATELLITE SHOULD
IT BECOME KNOWN GOVERNMENTS HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE THAT
WOULD HAVE PERMITTED APPROPRIATE WARNING. HE

REPEATED THAT FOR THESE REASONS GON CONTINUED TO
BELIEVE PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS APPROPRIATE. DUTCH
UNDERSTOOD THAT US HAD SOUND REASONS FOR NO
STATEMENT BUT NEVERTHELESS WONDERED WHETHER WASHINGTON
HAD GIVEN PROPER WEIGHT TO HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLE OF
PROTECTION OF PEOPLE.

3. WE CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY STATING ONLY IF
EMBASSY RECEIVED FURTHER INFORMATION ON SPECIFICS, E.G.
TIMING WE WOULD INFORM MFA AT ONCE.
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